

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES GUIDE



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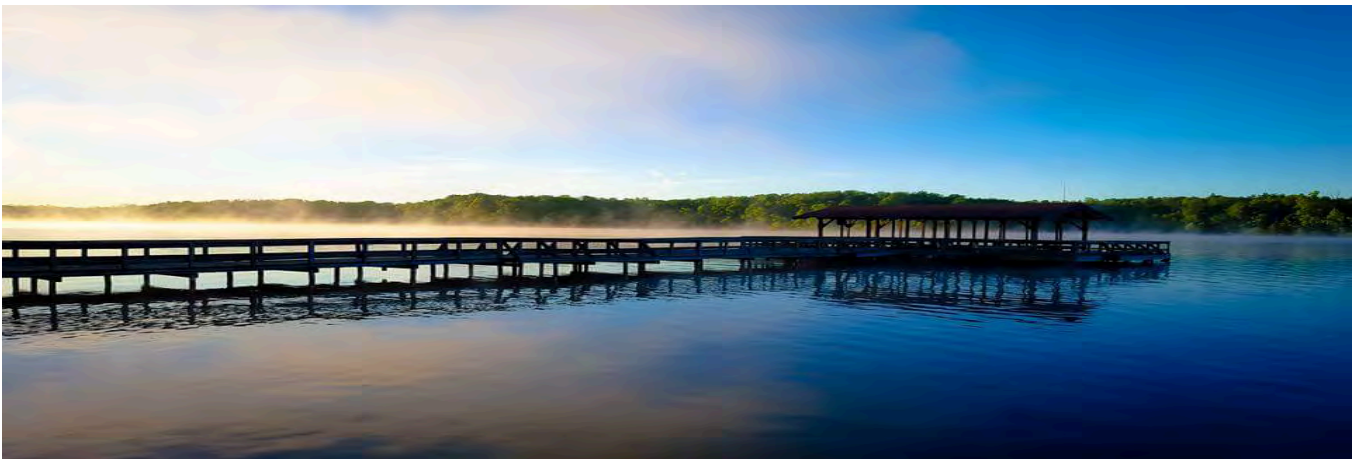
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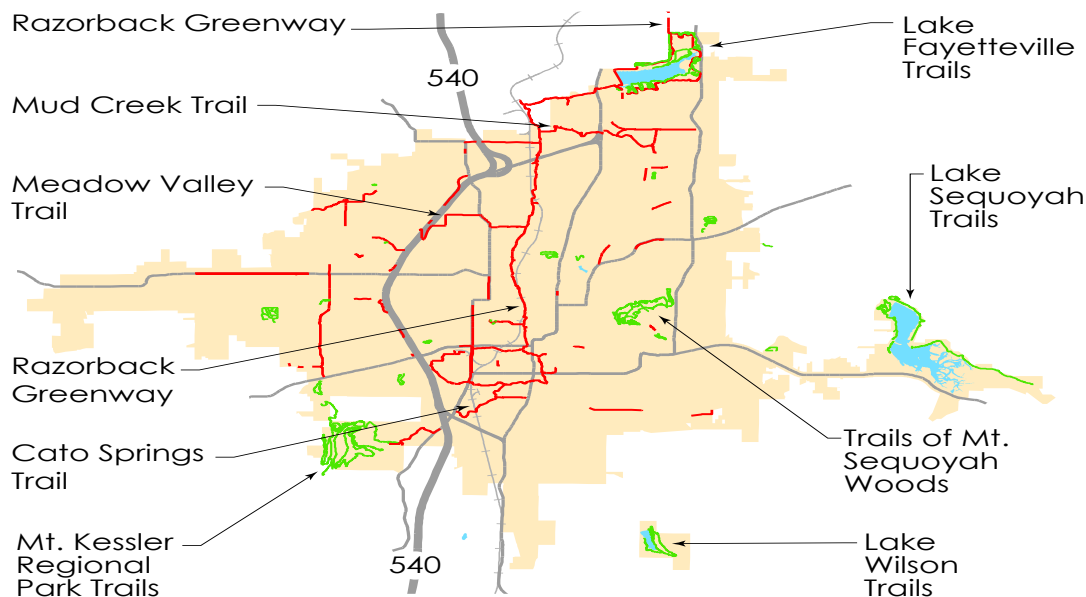
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Trails

The City of Fayetteville is proud to offer a unique and extensive trail network that promotes active, healthy lifestyles as well as alternate transportation. Below you will find a map depicting all of the city's trails to date and a link to our Interactive Trail Map on our website!



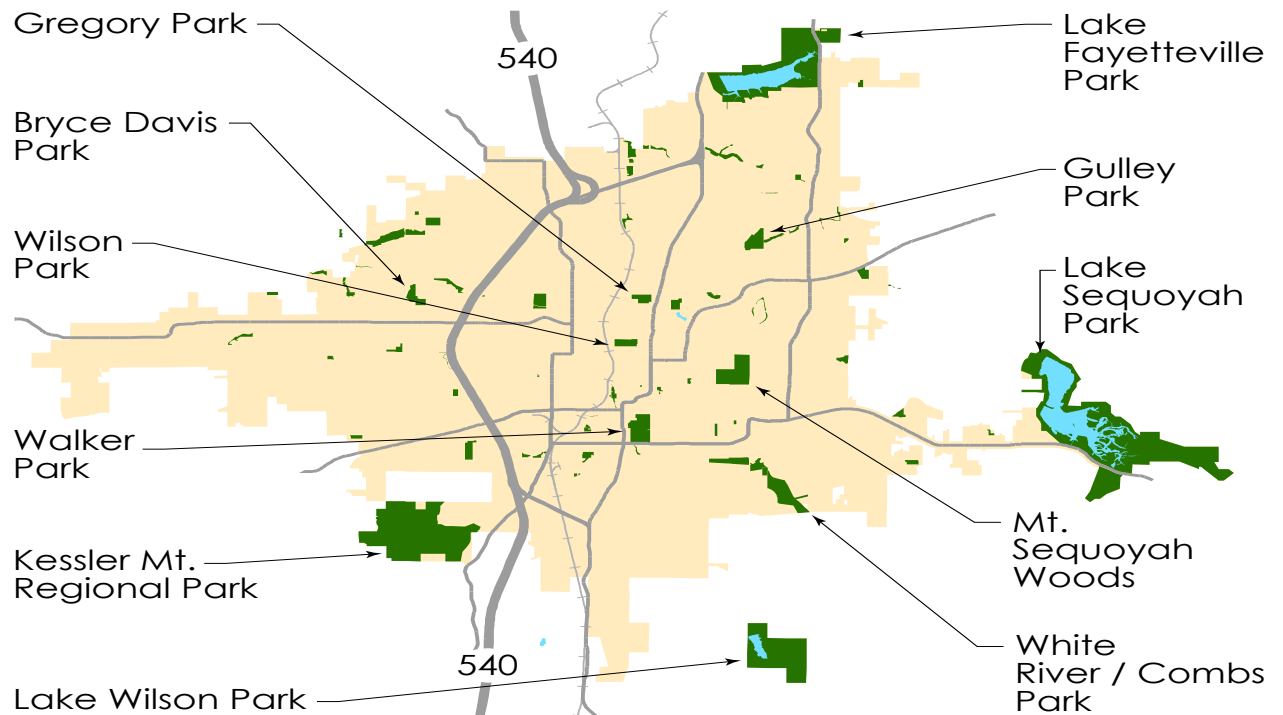
Interactive Trail Map: http://gis.fayetteville-ar.gov/GISPage/Parks_Trails

In May 2016, Fayetteville was awarded a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community Award by the League of American Bicyclists. The award is based on the five E's of a bicycle friendly community including bicycle education, encouragement, evaluation & planning, engineering, and enforcement. Fayetteville joins a leading group of communities, in all 50 states, that are transforming neighborhoods. The City is now among an elite group of 73 communities from across the country awarded with the Silver status.



Parks

Our mission is to meet the parks and recreational needs of all by providing a safe and diversified park system that encourages community pride, visionary planning and operations, and environmental stewardship. Below you will find a map depicting all of the city's parks to date!



The City of Fayetteville manages over 3,700 acres, including 36 parks, 15 natural areas, and multiple connecting trails. With over 84 miles of trails, 26 playgrounds, 36 sports fields, 29 pavilions, 7 tennis courts, 7 volleyball courts, 3 lakes, a swimming pool, a community center, a skate park, and picnic facilities, you will find a park to fit every need! In addition to this, Wi-Fi is also available at Kessler Regional Park, Wilson, Bryce Davis, Walker, Gulley, and Gary Hampton.



Adult Sports

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation offers summer and fall adult kickball through the illustrious Fayetteville Adult Kickball Association. Organize and sign up a team for the fun and games this year! Each season is eight weeks. Teams play a seven-week regular season and then participate in a post-season tournament in the eighth week. Players must be at least 16 to be eligible to play, and there are no residency requirements to play.

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation also offers adult slow pitch softball sanctioned through the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) for the spring and the summer. The spring season is 7 to 9 weeks and consists of 14 games plus a post-season tournament. The summer season is 5 to 7 weeks and consists of 10 games plus a post-season tournament.





Youth Sports

The Girls Youth Softball program mission is to ensure that every player and family are able to enjoy fast-pitch softball in a fun, positive, and competitive environment. The season runs from late March until mid-June and recreational and competitive leagues will be offered. Both leagues follow USSSA rules and will receive team equipment. Each player receives a full uniform and will play 10 games and a league tournament. Girls ages 3-19 years are eligible to play.

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation also has an awesome youth soccer program! This recreational program emphasizes an environment that is fun for all ages and skill levels. Every child is guaranteed to play at least half of each game, while learning the basics of soccer and good sportsmanship. The youth soccer program is for girls and boys ages 3-19. Soccer is played at Kessler Mountain Regional Park. The spring season is during March and April while the fall season takes place during August-October. Be sure to ask about additional competitive options through the FC Arkansas program.





Be Active! Summer Camps

The goal of Be Active! Summer Camps each year is to provide healthy, fun, and educational activities for campers five through 15 years. All campers must have completed Kindergarten. We strive to create an environment where your child has an enthralling experience fostering life-long participation in sports and recreational activities. Regardless of experience in outdoor recreation or sports, each child is welcome and encouraged to participate in our summer camps.

Each participant receives a t-shirt on the first day of camp in which they wear it throughout the week. Each child needs to bring sunscreen, bottled water (labeled with name), and wear weather-appropriate clothing and shoes to camp each day. All camp sessions are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Campers may be dropped off as early as 8:30 a.m. and picked up no later than 12:30 p.m. Many sessions end with a Friday showcase event that parents are encouraged to attend!





Community Programs

In the heart of one of the City's most appreciated parks, Fayettevillians gather to enjoy a long-standing tradition of free outdoor live music and food trucks on six different occasions each summer. Gulley Park Summer Concerts are Thursday nights from 7pm-9pm at the Gulley Park gazebo. Come relax and take part in the fun-filled atmosphere!

May 31 • June 14 • June 28 • July 12 • July 26 • August 9



The Sunset Movie Series will feature five films in a variety of local parks. The movie series began over twelve years ago and has taken on many different variations over time. We are excited to bring this series back into our parks this year. Join us for a great time in the amazing parks near you!

June 8 • July 6 • July 20 • August 3



Wilson Pool

Enjoy the Wilson Park Pool this summer! Swim and relax at Wilson Pool which is surrounded by shade trees and beautiful landscaping. Wilson Pool operates early June until mid-August and offers recreational swimming, instructional swim lessons, Wilson Wahoo swim team, adult lap swim, fitness opportunities, pool rentals, and family swim times.

Wilson Wahoo swim team is back for the second summer! This developmental swim team is full of fun, skill building, and friendly competition with other area summer teams. A summer swim team is a great way for kids to become stronger, more competent, safer swimmers and to learn all four swim strokes (Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly) in an encouraging environment.

Session 1: June 5-June 28

Session 2: July 3-July 26

Surface Wahoos (Ages 5-9) 5:30-6:30 T/TH & 10:45-11:45 Sat

Torpedo Wahoos (Ages 10-16) 6:30-7:30 T/TH & 9:45-10:45 Sat

Register online at: www.aquahawgs.org, using the "Wahoos" tab.
For more information, contact Anita Parisi at anitaparisi@sbcglobal.net





YRCC

The Yvonne Richardson Community Center (YRCC) is committed to shaping today's youth for tomorrow's challenges by providing recreational, educational, and social opportunities. Programming at the YRCC includes opportunities for youth, adults, and families. Spring and summer highlights include:

X-Factor Homeschool P.E: FREE weekly physical education class for youth enrolled in home-school to ensure that they receive training in health & fitness alongside their studies. Classes teach fundamentals of warm-up, physical activity, & health education.

Kids' Nite After School Program: FREE after-school program provides educational, physical, and cultural enrichment activities, meals, snacks, & field trips, for ages 6-12!

Summer Fun4Kids Camp: FREE 7 one-week summer camp during June & July designed to impact 50 youth aged 6-12 & 25 teens aged 13-15 through a variety of themed activities, trips, & service projects.

Pickleball: A racquet sport combining elements of badminton & tennis is a great source of light exercise & socialization for both the young & young at heart!



The Yvonne Richardson Community Center is available to rent for your next birthday party, family gathering, team practice, club meeting, or pickleball tournament!



Fayetteville Race Series

The Fayetteville Race Series is comprised of annual events that vary between running, cycling, and multi-sport activities. Each event is different and offers something for everyone. In a place like Fayetteville, where beautiful parks and trails are in abundance, there are plenty of ways to be physically active in the community! By offering a race series, Parks and Recreation enhances the already active culture of Northwest Arkansas, while also reaching a new audience and showcasing our amazing parks and trails.



Square 2 Square Bike Ride: May 12, 2018

A 30 mile fun ride along the Razorback Greenway. The spring ride starts on Fayetteville's Square and finishes on Bentonville's Square.

<http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/square2square>

Ladies Du Fayetteville: June 10, 2018

A duathlon just for women. Individual and relay options. Run 2 miles, bike 11 miles, run 2 miles.

<http://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/ladiesdu>



Get Involved

Fayetteville abounds with opportunities to positively impact long-term community sustainability. If you have a passion for building environmental, economic, and social capital in Fayetteville, you'll fit right in with the many other residents who commit their time and energy to serving our City. For volunteering events across the community, check out Fayetteville Parks and Recreation and YRCC on GivePulse.com, a hub for volunteers and the organizations who need them.

The City of Fayetteville Parks and Recreation department is constantly seeking sponsors and donations from supporters and businesses. Your support allows us to meet the needs of children and adults participating in our recreational programs being held throughout the year in our parks and on our trails.

To reserve one of our many pavilions or to register for a program, visit our website. For special events, which may include large parties, weddings, races, or tournaments, please complete the online Parks Event Permit Form.



Be Social With Us

<http://fayetteville-ar.gov/parks>



Parks are Tobacco Free

Effective April 6, 2018, by City Ordinance #6046, Fayetteville parks, trails, and recreational facilities are tobacco free. This includes cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, and vapor devices. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We Want Your Suggestions

The City of Fayetteville is beginning the process of updating their Parks and Recreation Ten Year Strategic Plan. Please come to one of the open house park planning meetings listed below. Park staff will be present to answer questions and park information will be available to review and contemplate before providing your ideas and thoughts on how the park system can best serve citizens of Fayetteville.

Holt Middle School	April 5th	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Fayetteville Public Library	April 8th	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Boys & Girls Club of Fayetteville	April 10th	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks	April 12th	4:30pm – 7:30pm
Gulley Park Playground Pavilion	April 14th	10:00am – 12:00pm
Wilson Park Playground Pavilion	April 14th	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Yvonne Richardson Community Center	April 18th	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Kessler Mountain Regional Park	April 21st	10:00am – 12:00pm
Bryce Davis / Iams Dog Park	April 21st	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Walker Park Baseball Complex	April 30th	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Lake Fayetteville Marina	May 3rd	5:00pm – 7:00pm



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